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1. Reference is made to our cable, HEIDG 390, concerning a report obtained by ☐ ☒, in his recent interrogation of Dr. Hans Fritzsche at Nurnberg, that the German Propaganda Ministry during the war distributed in the Middle and Far East a great volume of copies of the Koran, printed in Arabic in booklet form, size 2" by 3".

2. In addition to the text of the Koran itself, Dr. Fritzsche reported that this minute size booklet, printed in diamond size print, contained, within the text itself or as an appendix, a carefully developed political and philosophical comparison between Communism and Mohammedanism as a way of life. A small, well made magnifying glass was attached to each booklet.

3. If ☐ ☒ contemplates using ☐ ☒ for a somewhat similar project, this information may be of interest to him. We are presently attempting to obtain the following additional information:

- How and by whom this booklet was prepared.
- Where it was printed.
- How was distribution effected.
- What was the general reaction to the distribution.

4. The use of the magnifying glass as an attachment to the booklet is interesting, since such an article should have appeal to peoples of the Middle and Far East. We are also attempting to determine where these small glasses were manufactured.

5. If you desire any specific information not covered by the general field of inquiry indicated above, kindly let us know.

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